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1. Dr. Ernst BRUECKNER, Chief of the Sicherungsgruppe, had returned on 18 August after leave of almost three weeks on the North Sea. He looked tanned and rested and appeared to have lost some weight. He said his leave was interrupted rather earlier than he would have liked in view of the Chancellor's impending trip to the USSR.

2. BRUECKNER is going with the advance party from the Foreign Office to look over the Chancellor's quarters and decide on the disposition of the 14 men from the Socherungsgruppe who will accompany the Chancellor and his party. After his inspection, BRUECKNER will return to Germany in order to accompany the Chancellor when the latter flies to Moscow. They are at the moment still waiting to hear that the Soviets have agreed to the agenda so the firm date of the trip may be set.

3. BRUECKNER said he had been involved in discussions with the Foreign Office about what measures could be taken to thwart Soviet attempts to bug the installations used by the German delegation. BRUECKNER stated his own research had led him to the conclusion that without knowing the electrical characteristics of the equipment the Soviets might attempt to use, it would be impossible to defend against them. This answer did not satisfy the Foreign Office men who said that if necessary the Chancellor would turn to his good friend Dr. Conant for technical assistance. BRUECKNER asked, in this connection whether we could be quoted as supporting his view. We told him our own inquiries had led to the same conclusion and we certainly had no objection to being quoted on this matter. He agreed with us that we could hardly expect to get a mass of technical equipment past the Soviets for this purpose, and that it was unlikely to be effective on Soviet home territory even if they could get it in. He concurred also that the Chancellor's best defense was to confine his tactical consultations with his advisors to the open air. They are considering the construction of an isolated room on the train taking the Foreign Office experts to Moscow in which they will hold their more sensitive talks.

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4. BRUECKNER spoke of his 15 year old son, who is in his second year of Gymnasium, a year ahead of where he should be. The boy is studying Latin, French, English, and Spanish, and already speaks better English than his father. BRUECKNER said the boy is interested in the U. S. Student Exchange Program and has been talking about taking an examination to that end in the near future. *-BRUECKNER hastily exclaimed that he had not mentioned it for that reason, but was obviously pleased at the prospect of our looking into the matter for him. (Comment: Providing the boy qualified for the program, there should be no reason why we could not arrange through the Embassy that he be selected. We understand such arrangements have been made in the past, and we have asked the Bonn base to make the necessary inquiries about qualification.)

5. As he usually does, BRUECKNER made fond reference to his own trip to program.

He pointed out somewhat ruefully, however, that [] had not received him at his office but in an operational apartment (konspirative Wohnung). He likewise regretted that he had not had an opportunity to view the workings of ODENVY, which were of great interest to him. He conceded that coming as it did on the heels of the JOHN affair, his visit was not timed to get the best reception. But he expressed the hope that on his return trip from Moscow the Chancellor would soon again go to the U. S. and that he, BRUECKNER, would be able to accompany him. [] pointed out that it was awfully difficult to arrange schedules for foreign visitors, since so much depended upon who was available to escort them on their rounds as well as on the official demands made upon the visitor, but that in principle there appeared no reason why a tour of ODENVY could not be arranged next time BRUECKNER was in the U. S. Headquarters comments on the possibility of making such arrangements would be appreciated. No commitments have been made to BRUECKNER in this regard other than that we would pass on his expression of interest.

6. On his return from Moscow we plan to invite BRUECKNER to Frankfurt for a talk with [] and to give him a somewhat more detailed idea of what our Sfs and MIS notebooks can do. If feasible at this time, we will go into the question of getting regular distribution from the SG of reports on particular categories of cases, on the premise that we will be happy to screen these reports against our notebooks in an effort to help the SG identify hostile agents and case officers.

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